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SUBJECT: BERLIN: PRAVDA RESPONDS TO LONDON COMMUNIQUE

1. PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN MAY 15 BY BERLIN CORRESPONDENT STANISLAV ZYUBANOV REPLIES TO LONDONFOUR-POWER COMMUNIQUE ON BERLIN WITH COMMENTARY THAT AMOUNTS TO RESTATEMENT FOR RECORD OF SOVIET POSITION ON BERLIN AND QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT. IN RESTRAINED LANGUAGE ZYUBANOV NOTES THAT THE LONDON COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO PUT "MILDLY SPEAKING, QUITE A FREE INTERPRETATION" ON QA, THUS PLAYING INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE FORCES IN THE WEST WHICH WISH TO UNDERMINE THE QA. THERE IS NO SUGGESTION THAT THE FOUR WESTERN LEADERS ARE AMONG THOSE "FORCES". ALSO IN A CALM MANNER, ZYUBANOV ACCUSES AUTHORS OF THE LONDON DECLARATION OF "ATTEMPTS TO DISTORT" QA BY MENTIONING "ALLEGED" RIGHTS OF

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WESTERN POWERS IN ALL FOUR SECTORS OF BERLIN AND FAILING TO MENTION THAT WSP IS NOT PART OF FRG. HE THEN ASSERTS THAT IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT THE FOUR SECTORS OF BERLIN NO LONGER EXIST; THERE ARE ONLY THREE WSB AND "BERLINE, THE CAPITAL OF A SOVEREIGN STATE, THE GDR." HE CLOSSES WITH STATEMENT ON NEED TO OBSERVE STRICTLY QA AND NOT TO TRY TO UNDERMINE

IT WITH DECLARATIONS SUCH AS LONDON ONE.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST COMMENTARY IN PRAVDA IN SOME TIME ON BERLINE, AND THE FIRST TREATMENT OF THE LONDON-BERLINE COMMUNIQUE EVEN THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN AMPLE COVERAGE OF OTHER ASPECTS OF THE LONDON MEETINGS WITH CONSIDERABLE NEGATIVE COMMENT ON THEIR ECONOMIC PORTIONS AND SHARP ATTACKS ON THE NATO SESSION (E.G. THE SAME ISSUE OF PRAVDA HAS A STRONGLY-WORDED ATTACK ON THE NATO MEETING BY SENIOR POLITICAL COMMENTATOR VITALIY KORIONOV). THE SOVIET REQUIREMENT TO KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON BERLIN IS MET BY ZYUBANOV'S COMMENTARY. BUT THE MILD LANGUAGE AND THE LOW LEVEL (PRAVDA'S REGULAR BERLIN CORRESPONDANT) INDICATE THAT THEY WISHED TO DO THAT AND NO MORE, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT. MATLOCK

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